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The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member will realize how difficult it is to bring negotiations to a successful termination. I hope it will be as early as possible."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ఈ ట్రిబ్యూనల్సు ఇచ్చిన తీర్పులను మేనేజిమెంటులవారు అమలు జరుపుటలేదని మేము ఖచ్చితంగా చెప్పగలము. కాని తమకు అందిన సమాచారం అది కాదని మంత్రిగారు చెబుతున్నారు. ఫాక్టరీ యజమానులు తమ వ్యాపార సంస్థలను వేర్వేరు బ్రాంచీలుగా విభజించి Tribunal యొక్క అవార్డులు నిరుపయోగమవుటకు ఎన్నో కుతంత్రాలు పన్నుతున్నారు. ఈ విషయమై యదార్థ పరిస్థితులను తెలుసుకొనుటకు, అవార్డులను సక్రమంగా అమలు జరుపుటకు, ఆయా ప్రాంతములవారగు శాసనసభ్యులతో ఒక కమిటీని ఏర్పాటుచేసి విచారణచేయిస్తారా ? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, I am sorry to say that my information is different. I have been told that in March 1950, the management of Shaik Ahamed Beedi Factory implemented the awards of the Industrial Tribunals and that in July 1950, the managements of four other factories also implemented the awards of the Industrial Tribunals. If the hon. Member will give me information and facts to prove that this information is wrong, I will certainly take action in the matter."

Representations regarding commutation rates of rent.

* 114 Q.—Sri T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether a representation addressed to the Chief Minister, dated 20th August 1952, from Sri V. Narayanamurthi of Palakonda, Srikakulam district, was received by the Government complaining about the unfairness of commutation rates of rent; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes. The representation was that the rent fixed as the melwaram share due to him in accordance with the provisions of the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Second Amendment Act, 1951, was too meagre.

" (b) It was transferred to the Collector of Srikakulam for disposal."

Experiments on Lignite Industry.

11-10 a.m. * 115 Q.—Sri M. MUNI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) for the last how many years experiments on Lignite Industry are being carried out in Vadalur taluk, South Arcot district and with what results; and

(b) the total cost incurred in this behalf till the end of August 1952?

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Lignite investigation is being carried on in and around Neyveli in Vriddhachalam taluk, South Arcot district, for the last ten years. The investigation has revealed the existence of about 2,000 million tons of lignite in an area of about 100 square miles at a depth of 175 feet from ground level. The lignite deposits are sandwiched between two layers of water bearing beds. The extraction of bulk samples of lignite from a shaft in September 1951 has shown that the difficult underground conditions can be successfully overcome. The underground conditions have however to be studied in greater detail before launching on large scale mining operations. A pilot quarrying scheme estimated to cost Rs. 79 lakhs has therefore been prepared to ascertain the actual underground conditions that may be experienced in large scale mining. The Government of India have agreed to lend some items of essential machinery required for the execution of the project. The Government propose to proceed with the scheme on receipt of the machinery from the Government of India. Tests carried out on the samples of lignite have revealed that the mineral is of good quality, capable of great industrial potentialities.

" (b) The total cost incurred by Government on the Lignite Project up to the end of August 1952 is 19·15 lakhs."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Some time back we understood from the newspapers that there was a lot of percolation of water causing difficulties for the working of the scheme. What is the situation to-day?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We are hoping that we have discovered a method by which this difficulty can be removed; but to give a definite and concrete answer, the pilot scheme must be put into execution."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the lignite expert who is in the area and who comes from the north, due to some misunderstanding with the villagers, is digging holes before the houses of villagers and is thus causing great difficulty to the villagers there?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI M. MUNI REDDI :—" How many years will it take for the completion of the experiments, and may I know whether it will be a profitable concern?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The pilot scheme may take a couple of years to work, and if it does work, it will not only be a profitable scheme, but a very very profitable scheme."

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